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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO IN COMMITTEE OF 24: TANGOV REACTION TO US POSITI
ON

REF: A) STATE 194115; B) STATE 195241; C) STATE 196070;
D) STATE 198365; AND E) DAR ES SALAAM 3036

1. AS REPORTED REF E, PARA 1, NOTE WAS LEFT AT FONOFF AUGUST 16
COMMUNICATING US POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT AS GIVEN REFS A AND B.

2. AT CONCLUSION OF AUGUST 19 CONVERSATION REPORTED REF E, PARA 4,
FOREIGN MINISTER MALECELA ASKED THAT HE BE FURNISHED IN WIRTING
WITH LAST POINT IN CHARGE'S PRESENTATION NOT INCLUDED IN AUGUST 16
NOTE. THIS WAS CONTAINED REF C, PARA 2, RECEIVED AUGUST 19.
MALECELA ASKED THAT HTIS BE DONE QTE IMMEDIATELY UNQTE SINCE HE
WAS TAKING MATTER TO PRESIDENT NYERERE. TEXT REQUESTED BY
MALECELA WAS FORWARDED TO HIM SAME EVENING IN FORM OF LETTER
WITH COURTESY BEGINNING (FULL TEXT FOLLOWS).

3. THEREAFTER, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS DID NOT REFER TO
PUERTO RICAN QUESTION IN COURSE CONVERSATIONS WITH US ON OTHER
BUSINESS. WE HAVE, THEREFORE, NOT HAD OCCASION TO DRAW ON LANGUAGE
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PROVIDED REF D, PARA 3.

4. ON AUGUST 22 TANGOV-OWNED ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY NEWS CARRIED FRONT PAGE ONE COLUMN HEAD QTE PUERTO RICO: US SCHEME FAILS BADLY UNQTE FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION OF THE QTE STRUGGEL TO FORCE THE AMERICANS OUT OF THE ISLAND OF PUERTO RICO UNQTE IN COMMITTEE OF 24. IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT IS PHOTO REPRODUCTION OF AUGUST 19 CHARGE LETTER TO MALECELA. LOWER HALF OF COLUMN UNDER QTE COMMENT UNQTE IS CRITICAL OF US POSITION AS QTE ARM-TWISTING UNQTE AND CONCLUDES THAT QTE ... ALL THOSE WHO WILL ATTEMPT TO RESORT TO A BIG STICK POLICY TOWARDS TANZANIA WILL ALWAYS FIND THIS NATION EVER READY TO REBUFF THEM, HOWEVER POWERFUL THEY MAY THINK THEY ARE. PARA TANZANIA CANNOT BROOK SUCH NONSENSE UNQTE (FULL TEXT BEING POUCHED AF/E)

5. CHARGE MORNING AUGUST 22 QUERIED EUROPE-AMERICAS DIRECTOR MUGANDA AS TO WHETHER APPEARANCE OF LETTER IN PRESS WAS RESULT OF FOREIGN OFFICE QTE LEAK UNQTE OR DECISION OF FOREIGN MINISTER MALECELA. MUGANDA REPLIED THAT HE SURPRISED AT LETTER'S PUBLICATION BUT THAT MALECELA HAD ONLY COPY AND CHARGE SHOULD ASSUME MALECELA FURNISHED IT TO PRESS. MUGANDA SAID THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY FOR HIM TO QUERY MALECELA, WHO IS IN DODOMA, TO CONFIRM THIS. CONVERSATION ENDED WITH CHARGE'S EXPRESSING QTE DISAPPOINTMENT UNQTE THAT LETTER FURNISHED FOREIGN MINISTER AT HIS REQUEST WAS PRINTED IN NEWSPAPER.

6. COMMENT: MALECELA'S STRONG AND PUBLIC REACTION TO THE US POSITION ON PUERTO RICO AT THE UN MAY BE DUE TO HIS OWN PAST INVOLVEMENT WITHIT, AS HE MENTIONED REF D, PARA 4. ADDITIONAL FACTOR COULD BE TANGOV'S GROWING AWARENESS OF AND SENSITIVITY TO FORTHRIGHT NATURE USG EXPRESSIONS ON UN MATTERS WHICH PRESENT IN SHARP CONTRADICTION DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS. WE ALSO DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE MALECELA'S DESIRE TO MAINTAIN HIS IMAGE WITHIN TANZANIA AS A TOUGH AND VIGOROUS DEFENDER OF HIS GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICIES.

7. WE WILL REPORT PROMPTLY ANY FURTHER REFERENCES TO PUERTO RICAN ISSUES FROM TANGOV OFFICIALS OR MEDIA. WILL RESPOND TO ANY INQUIRIES THAT OUR POSITION ON PUERTO RICO REMAINS AS STATED IN LETTER.

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8. FULL TEXT OF LETTER TO FOREIGN MINISTER MALECELA:
QTE DEAR MR. MINISTER:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND OFFER EARLIER TODAY TO BRING TO PRESIDENT NYERERE'S ATTENTION THE VIEWS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES THAT WE REGARD ANY UNITED NATIONS CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO AS FLAGRANT INTERFERENCE INTO UNITED STATES INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND AS AN UNFRIENDLY ACT.

AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE FULL VIEWS OF MY GOVERNMENT ON THE

MATTER ARE SET FORTH IN UNITED STATES EMBASSY NOTE DIPLOMATIQUE
NO. 120/75 DELIVERED TO YOUR MINISTRY ON AUGUST 16.

I VERY MUCH HOPE THAT THE PRESIDENT'S CONSIDERATION OF THIS
MATTER MIGHT BE COMPLETED IN TIME TO AFFECT THE VOTE AT THE
UNITED NATIONS, ANTICIPATED FOR TODAY, AUGUST 19.

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR REQUEST I AM PLEASED TO SET FORTH BELOW
THE ADDITIONAL POINTS I WAS EARLIER TODAY INSTRUCTED TO COM-
MUNICATE TO YOUR GOVERNMENT IN ADDITION TO THE NOTE OF
AUGUST 16.

'THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT EMPHASIZES THAT
A VOTE IN SUPPORT OF THE CUBAN RESOLUTION WOULD GROUP
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA WITH
THREE COUNTRIES WITH WHICH THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
HAS NO RELATIONS (CONGO, CUBA, IRAQ), TWO OF OUR PRINCIPAL
COMMUNIST ADVERSARIES (CHINA AND THE USSR), AND TWO STATES
WHICH UNFAILINGLY FOLLOW MOSCOW'S FOREIGN POLICY LINE
(CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND BULGARIA) IN SUPPORTING A RESOLUTION
WHICH CONSTITUTES A FLAGRANT INTERFERENCE IN UNITED
STATES' INTERNAL AFFAIRS.'

SINCERELY YOURS,

HERBERT LEVIN
CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AD INTERIM UNQTE

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